



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
August 10, 2021**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, and Kreitz (Corless, Gardner, and Kreitz attended via teleconference).
Supervisors Absent: Peters.*

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Kreitz.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Participated in multi agency coordination group
- Meeting of department safety representatives for County
- Latest COVID-19 Community meeting
- Statewide County Administrators call
- Meeting with Frontier Communications with representatives from Alpine County regarding North County residents inability to place calls from their landlines
- Toured District 5 with Supervisor Corless
- Latest EOC meeting – restored to weekly meetings
- Attended EOC finance meeting

- Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce meeting – provided information and received information regarding telephone situation

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Scheereen Dedman, Acting Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- Election update – vote by mail ballots will be going out August 16 to all registered voters
- Drop boxes around County will be open August 16
- Ballots are due by September 14 at 8 PM
- Verification of signature

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Reported favorable outcome in Abshire et al vs. Governor Gavin Newsom case
- Follow up on letter Board sent to Suddenlink regarding service issues
- Thanked staff for stepping in during absence

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. Board Minutes - June 15, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 15, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 15, 2021.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

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B. Board Minutes - July 6, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 6, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 6, 2021.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

M21-175

C. 2021 Fall Special Events Road Closures

Departments: Public Works - Roads

When road impacts exist due to special events held within the County, roads must be closed, or traffic controlled, in accordance with County Policy which includes an approving Board Resolution.

Action:

- 1) Adopt proposed resolution R21-55 “A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the intermittent closure of county roads in the Antelope Valley area for the 2021 Eastern Sierra ATV & UTV Jamboree.”
- 2) Adopt proposed resolution R21-56 “A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the temporary closure of Sinclair Street for the Wrecks and Rods Car Show.”

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

R21-55, R21-56

D. Revisions to County Code Chapter 7.28 - Camping

Departments: Public Works

Proposed Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Amending Chapter 7.28 of the Mono County Code Pertaining to Camping.

Action: None. Motion failed.

Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 2 yes, 2 no, 1 absent

Roll Call:

Corless: N

Duggan: Y

Gardner: Y

Kreitz: N

Peters: A

E. Proposed Ordinance Adopting General Plan Amendment 21-01 (GPA 21-01): Safety Element, Land Use Element Cleanup & Chapter 16, Accessory Dwelling Units

Departments: Community Development

Second reading for proposed ordinance for General Plan Amendment 21-01 (GPA 21-01): Safety Element, Land Use Element Cleanup & Chapter 16, Accessory Dwelling Units Update.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance ORD21-07, Adopting General Plan Amendment 21-01 (GPA 21-01): Safety Element, Land Use Element

Cleanup & Chapter 16, Accessory Dwelling Units.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

ORD21-07

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Letter from Mono Lake Committee to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Regarding Restoration of Streams Tributary to Mono Lake

A letter from the Mono Lake Committee to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power regarding the restoration of streams tributary to Mono Lake.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion of planning for changes to County operations, including, but not limited to: status of emergency declarations; returning to in-person County meetings; returning remote employees to work.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-124>) – 7-day metrics, June/July metrics, CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19 to Guide Masks for Public Indoor Settings Based on Vaccination Status
- Hospital status
- Valencia State Laboratory error
- Vaccine effectiveness
- School reopening
- Testing and vaccine schedule
- Enforcement – education

Supervisor Corless:

- Misinformation being posted on social media around wording of Health Order

Sheriff Braun:

- Enforcement

Chair Kreitz:

- Closing of schools should not be an option because the result of closing schools creates long term trauma for children of all ages and their families

B. 2020 California State Redistricting Letter

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Corless (Elaine Kabala, ESCOG) - At the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting held June 11, 2021, the ESCOG Board directed staff to prepare correspondence to the California Redistricting Commission providing recommendations on State Senate and Assembly Redistricting.

Action: Approve letter and provide direction to the ESCOG Board to submit letter.

Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

M21-176

Supervisor Corless:

- Introduced item
- Received comment from Mammoth Lakes resident, Sandy Hogan, expressing concern about including Eastern Madera County because of Devils Postpile

Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director:

- Reviewed letter

C. 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Update

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Christian Milovich, Assistant County Counsel) - Update from staff regarding the 2021 Redistricting Process, including discussion about public outreach, scheduling public hearings and creation of informational website.

Action: None.

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Key dates:
 - September 30, 2021: "Raw" Census Data released
 - October 30, 2021: "Adjusted Population Data" released
 - December 15, 2021: Final Map Adoption (based on June 7 primary)
- Proposed Public Hearing dates:
 - Wednesday, September 15
 - ~~Wednesday October 13~~ Tuesday October 12
 - ~~Thursday, November 4~~ Tuesday November 2
 - Monday, November 8 (Evening)

- Public input for mapping process
- Spanish translation will be available at meetings

D. Proposed Amendment to Mono County Personnel System 080 to Allow Hiring at Step Higher than A

Departments: CAO, Human Resources

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Ryan Roe, Acting HR Director) - Proposed Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Amend Section 080 of the Personnel Systems for the Mono County Public Employees' Association, Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association, Mono County Probation Officers' Association, Mono County Public Safety Officers' Association and Mono County Deputy Sheriffs' Association.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-57, Amending Mono County Personnel System 080 to Allow Hiring at Step Higher than A.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

R21-57

Ryan Roe, Acting HR Director:

- Presented item

Break: 10:33 AM

Reconvened: 10:41 AM

E. Update on Federal Litigation Concerning the Waters of the Walker River

Departments: County Counsel

(Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel) - Presentation by County Counsel to update the Board and the public regarding the status of litigation in *United States of America v. Walker River Irrigation District, et al.*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Nevada, including claims in intervention brought by the Walker River Paiute Tribe and Mineral County, Nevada.

Action: None.

Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel:

- Background on litigation
- Latest developments
- Next steps – service and response
- County Counsel will bring updates regarding Mono County's response to the Second Amended Complaint to closed session.

F. Adult Protective Services Departmental Update and Overview

Departments: Social Services

(Krista Cooper, Social Worker Supervisor, Michelle Raust, Child and Adult Services Manager) - Presentation by Krista Cooper regarding Adult Protective Services (APS) overview and update.

Action: None.

Michelle Raust, Child and Adult Services Program Manager:

- Introduced item
- Case load

Krista Cooper, Adult Protective Services Supervisor:

- Provided Adult Protective Services overview
- Mono County APS program strengths
- Communities within Mono County where concerns are being reported
- Referrals and resources
- Local strategies

G. Agreement Between Mono County Social Services and Community Service Solutions for In-Home Supportive Services and Corresponding Budget Amendment

Departments: Social Services

(Kathy Peterson, Social Services, Amanda Phillips, Community Service Solutions) - Proposed Agreement with Community Service Solutions for the provision of In-Home Supportive Services professional services, and associated budget amendment.

Action:

- 1) Approve proposed Agreement between the County of Mono and Community Service Solutions of Walker, California, for the provision of In-Home Supportive Services professional services for a five-year period, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026; and authorize the Board Chair to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County.
- 2) Amend the Social Services Department fiscal year 2021-22 budget by increasing state and federal revenues, and associated expenditures, by \$59,336 (requires 4/5ths approval).

Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

M21-177

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Presented item

Amanda Phillips, Community Service Solutions Executive Director:

- Funding will allow an increase in staffing dedicated to the IHSS registry, increase training opportunities throughout County

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:45 AM

Reconvened: 1:01 PM

No action to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO). Unrepresented employees: All.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Response to 2020-21 Grand Jury Report on "Fiber Internet Connection as Essential Infrastructure in Mono County"

Departments: CAO, IT

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Nate Greenberg, IT Director) - Review of draft letter to Mono County Grand Jury in response to 2020-21 Grand Jury Report "Fiber Internet Connection as Essential Infrastructure in Mono County".

Action: None.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Presented item

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Noted that due to unforeseen circumstances, County Counsel was unable to review or give input into draft response as requested by the Grand Jury, but will do so before the final draft is presented to the Board for approval

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanked Grand Jury for addressing this issue
- Would like to see cover letters drafted for this response and the Workforce Housing Crisis response to provide additional context

Public Comment:

- Ron Day

B. Response to 2020-21 Grand Jury Report on "Workforce Housing Crisis"

Departments: CAO, Community Development

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Review of draft letter to Mono County Grand Jury in response to 2020-21 Grand Jury Report "Mono County Workforce Housing Crisis".

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Introduced item

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Reviewed findings and responses

John Craig, Assistant CAO:

- Reviewed findings and responses

Public Comment:

- Elin Ljung

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- RCRC annual meeting – encourage board colleagues and staff to attend. Registration is open.
- Basket auction/raffle—appreciate any donations such as gift cards from local businesses, this year proceeds will benefit local nonprofits.
- Suddenlink/CPUC – Staff work and communication continues among counties/towns and CPUC. Future agenda item re: filing a complaint with CPUC
- 8/4- Listened in on Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee meeting, information on continued monitoring and implementation of Casa Diablo IV monitoring/mitigation plan and new monitoring wells; Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Town Council meetings; Yosemite area multi-agency coordination team.
- Also, in response to the email regarding anti-Asian harassment that we heard about last month, attended a bystander intervention training and highly recommend this.

- 8/6 - Yosemite Area Gateway Coordination Team Recreation subgroup meeting; District 5 tour with CAO Lawton
- 8/9 – planning call regarding upcoming state Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force meeting on August 16 at 1pm; Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting— will be coming to the board in September with a recommendation to appoint a new advisory board member, note expanded wellness activity offerings (held outdoors for now) throughout the county at monocounty.ca.gov/wellness

Supervisor Duggan:

- 8/04 – I met with CAO Lawton regarding a report of flood damage in Hammil Valley in late July. Staff and I were made aware of significant damage on private and BLM lands due to a heavy rain and flash flooding incident that hampered access to roads and affected farmlands and wells. Reports have been filed with the Agricultural Commission and I requested to be kept informed of any progress or needs that could use County support or assistance to residents.
- 8/09 – I participated in the monthly Local Transportation Commission along with Commission Chair Kreitz and Commissioner Peters. Items of discussion were:
 - Authorizing the Chair to sign AB 43 (Friedman Traffic Safety Bill). This will allow local jurisdictions to adjust speed limits on local roads.
 - Clean California Dump Day – Statewide program to focus on solid waste/ green waste collection throughout the state. Program will flex to allow multiple sites and days for residents to bring waste items and take advantage of free disposal.
 - ESTA provided quarterly report and shared recruitment challenges
 - CALTrans reported the Long Valley Wildlife Crossing grant application has been submitted and is pending. No estimated date for approval.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday, August 4th I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizen Advisory Committee. Topics discussed at that meeting included traffic safety, crosswalks, speeding in the village, and a COVID update.
- On Friday August 6th I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. The Tribe is involved in several projects and continues to advocate strongly for the Federal recognition legislation of their Tribe pending in Congress.

Chair Kreitz:

- Monday, August 9th I chaired the Mono County LTC meeting. One of the big concerns around transit that was highlighted by ESTA ED, Phil Moores, is the driver shortage. It's impacting the availability of shuttle busses into the Reds Meadow this year. It's anticipated that it will not improve for the winter season though bonuses and pay incentives are being offered and reviewed by ESTA.
- Later, on Monday, I met with MLH ED Patricia Robertson and Mono County Social Services Director Kathy Peterson to discuss Project RoomKey funding for MLH's Access Apartments and as a source for other projects in the County and region.
- Last meeting on Monday was with State staff managing the rental assistance program and MLH ED Patricia Robertson. I reached out to the state for help with some ongoing issues MLH staff are experiencing with the program. There is a useful dashboard, searchable by county, available to see how many applications and how much funding has been distributed in Mono County: https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/dashboard.html . State staff said they are working through their backlog of applications, starting with rural counties first. They offered some suggestions for MLH staff and understood the concerns around emails being a less than ideal communication method for many low-income households. I was invited to join their advisory committee which I accepted.

- Adjourn in memory of colleague, Alfred Diaz-Infante. He was the president and CEO of Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association (CHISPA) out of Salinas and served on the California Coalition for Rural Housing Board with me.

ADJOURNED AT 2:57 PM in memory of Alfred Diaz-Infante.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**